



# The Northfield Press



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## A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

### Study Ocean Current Plan Winchester Man To Drift Many Months

Jesse A. Buffum plans to spend probably, some eighteen months, with two other men, aboard a small boat, without using sail or other motive power, although equipped for emergency, adrift in the Atlantic ocean for the purpose of studying the natural drift of the ocean current. The trip will begin at the Canary Islands, where the ketch will be well stocked with provisions. The boat will be made buoyant and carries a radio. Persons who are familiar with the mapping of the deep waters, will remember that the ocean currents are indicated by direction lines and arrows, and it is this sort of thing that Mr. Buffum will seek to accomplish. Heretofore general direction of currents has been ascertained by the use of bottles or by surface indication of ships passing thru them. The boat will be named the "Gulf Nairn", is 15 feet long and draws eight feet of water. Those on board will have a busy time to keep their records and prepare the drawings of their travels. They will have with them all the latest modern scientific equipment. Through the radio, weather conditions will be reported each day and other studies which are made will be announced. Co-operation is afforded through the various organizations of the government and private foundations in the study of oceanography. It is expected the expedition will get under way in the spring. Recently the newspapers gave considerable space to the story. The expedition will be of much interest to many here, for Mr. Buffum is a native of Winchester, N. H., and his mother, who recently observed her 88th birthday is a resident there. Mrs. Carroll Rich of West Northfield and Mrs. Clarence H. Spaulding of Winchester, road of this town are sisters, and a brother Warren reside at Winchester. Mr. Buffum also has a son, Howard, who is a student at Mt. Hermon school. When you look at our maps of the world, especially those of the seas there will now be the added interest, to know that they were made with the facts secured by the study and interest of a native, so far as the ocean currents are indicated.

### Fifty Years A Mason Given Gold Button

From Philadelphia, we are informed that Samuel Shaw, who resides there and is a summer resident of Northfield, with a home on South Main street, was presented with a solid gold button, in recognition of his service of 50 years as a member of the Masonic fraternity. The presentation was made at the Masonic Temple by George H. Detwiler, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Mr. Shaw has been for over 25 years, treasurer of Melita Lodge of Philadelphia and for 37 years has served as secretary of Melita chapter. He is a Past Master of Melita Lodge and a Past High Priest of Melita chapter. Friends of the fraternity are extending congratulations.

### Has Fractured Wrist

Our genial and esteemed rural free delivery carrier, Henry A. Johnson, is nursing a fractured wrist and hand at his home on Parker avenue, during this Christmas season. Last week Wednesday while on his route, making his usual deliveries of mail, he was held up by an overhanging limb and in his effort to remove the same, slipped on the ice and fell, sustaining what proved to be a very bad fracture. Lewis Wood, who is a substitute carrier was called in and is making the daily RFD deliveries of the mail.

### Earthquake Grumbling Last Friday Morning Disturbed Our Slumber

It wasn't very serious, but the earthquake tremors early last Friday morning, to be exact at 2:27 a. m., was enough to disturb the slumbers of many of our citizens and make them wonder what it was all about. Most folks, who were awake say it seemed as if a sudden rush of wind had struck their homes and the house trembled for the few minutes it prevailed. Many a man, went down to look at his furnace, fearing an explosion, others went outside but found the night calm and silent. Explanation was sought from the telephone exchange, but to no avail. However all decided it was an earthquake and not so far from home. The sound was that of a muffled crash with slight rumblings. Some of our good folks slept through it all and had to be acquainted with the facts by their friends in the morning. In many homes it is said cats scampered, and dogs howled to awaken the household. It was not until Friday afternoon that some authentic accounts were given by the newspapers. The shock was felt quite severely from Northampton to Concord, N. H., especially to buildings and homes on the rock formations, and from the seismologist and as a result of hasty investigation, the center of the disturbance was located in New Hampshire in the Lake Umbagog region, probably many miles underground. At West Ossipee, Chocoma and Tamworth was found the greatest amount of damage to homes, where chimneys suffered, walls and ceilings cracked, and furnishings were shaken. No known damage resulted anywhere in this town from the shock, but inhabitants are now adding to the record of their experience in a flood and through a hurricane, the experience of a disturbance by a quake. One earthquake shock evidently was not enough for New England, so that on Tuesday morning, exactly at 8:45 o'clock, another experience was given to us. This one was not so sharp or decisive in its tremors, but of longer duration and the sound of grumbling was for a longer period. All residents here noted the quake as houses shook and contents jingled.

### Star Installation Will Be Held Soon

The installation of the newly elected officers of Northfield chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held on Friday, Jan. 10 at the Masonic hall on Parker street and the installing officers will be Mrs. Anna Marie Obrey, Past Grand Matron and Paul Malasch, Past Grand Patron, both of Springfield. The officers elected at the recent annual meeting consists of Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut, worthy matron; Dr. F. Wilton Dean, worthy patron; Miss Ida Sheldon, associate matron; Edward C. Bolton, associate patron; Mrs. Helen Fish, secretary; Miss Gladys Ellithorpe, treasurer; Mrs. Katherine Sheldon, conductress; Miss Priscilla Colton, associate conductress. Charles C. Stearns was chosen as a trustee for three years. Recent annual reports rendered by the officers, show the chapter to be in a flourishing condition, with a large membership, representative of the women of the town.



### Red Cross Garments Made By Local Women

The Red Cross production department of the Franklin county chapter of the Red Cross was busy last week, packing the various finished garments, which have come in from the various women's units of the county, who have been doing a most commendable service in volunteer work. The production room on Hope street in Greenfield, was heaped high with the many bundles which came in, largely consisting of women's and girls dresses, children's garments, sweaters, jackets, mittens and stockings, as well as undergarment. This shipment of goods will go to England to provide comfort for its suffering peoples. From Northfield Seminary came a large box from Miss Jeanette Daboll who had charge of the work there, done by the students consisting of 12 blankets, 12 kimonos, 12 dresses, 12 bands, 72 diapers, 12 pairs booties, 15 bonnets and a gift of a knitted jacket, a bonnet and a pair of booties. Mrs. Dan Sutherland of Parker avenue, who has charge of the town volunteer unit, sent in 13 sweaters, 8 pairs mittens, 6 beanies and other garments. Northfield has responded promptly and well and the efforts of all who assisted is highly appreciated. Further garments will be made and sent in as they are finished for the next shipment across the sea.

### Young People's Forum

Next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Young People's forum of the Congregational church will present Rev. Benjamin White of West Northfield who will speak about music and bring some of his musical instruments. Those who have heard Mr. White know that the program will be most enjoyable. The Young People's Forum Christmas party will be held on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. For the merriest evening ever, come and bring a 10-cent wrapped package for exchanging. Don't miss the party!

### ELECTRIC 4-H'ER



HELPING to organize an electrical club in Templeton, Mass., learning how to rebuild lamps, wiring plugs, splicing wire, and to wire farm buildings for electricity, earned Robert Havumaki, 18, of Gardner, Worcester county, a place in the state's delegation to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, held early in December. The activities were a part of his participation in the fifth National 4-H Rural Electrification contest, conducted in cooperation with the extension service. Through studying electricity and electrical appliances, Robert is now prepared to wire buildings on his parents' farm to light the home and poultry houses, when rural electrification is made available in his community. The Chicago trip was given by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, which also provided six \$200 scholarships as prizes for national winners.

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### Fortnightly Has Talk About "Mirror Magic"

"Mirror Magic" was the title of an illustrated talk, presented at the meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon at Alexander hall. Mrs. E. J. Livingston read the text, which had been prepared by a competent authority. The central theme of the lecture emphasized the dramatic effects produced by the use of mirrors in interior decoration. Miss Ruth Field sang two Christmas carols, "Holy Night" and "Bring a Torch Tonight, Isabella" accompanied on the piano by Miss Carol Smith. Members of the club brought gifts to be distributed to children in the town by the Health Council. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be at Alexander hall, Friday afternoon, Jan. 3, when Miss Patricia Barry of Northampton, will present monologues and character readings from modern plays.

### Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Mary Jane Purrrington, daughter of Mrs. Leroy Purrrington of 19 Highland avenue and the late Mr. Purrrington, to James A. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Carpenter of Hartford, Conn. has been announced by her mother. Miss Purrrington graduated from Mt. Holyoke college in the class of 1940. Her biography appeared in the 1939-40 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Miss Purrrington is at present secretary of the State Street Congregational church of Portland, Maine. Mr. Carpenter prepared at Kingswood and was graduated from Dartmouth college and the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard university. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Carpenter is special agent in Charlestown, W. Va. for the National Fire Insurance company of Hartford.

### A New Radio Station

The Federal Communications Commission has approved the plans for another new radio station in the Connecticut Valley and construction was started for a broadcasting station, to be known as WHYN at Holyoke, this week. The transmitter and main studio will be located on North Canal street, South Hadley Falls. There will be a 170-foot steel tower and the station will operate on a full time basis, with 250 watts at 1370. The corporation will be known as the Hampden-Hampshire company, of which William Dwight of Holyoke is president. The station will add another to the selective list of Northfield radio listeners.

### Refugee Children Here

Northfield Seminary campus, usually deserted at the Christmas season, is the scene of a lively house party this year. Twenty British-refugee children between the ages of 12 and 14 arrived Monday chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ian Tullis to spend Christmas and New Year's in Moore cottage. They will remain until January 5 when they will return to their foster homes.

### Appeal Greek Relief from Friends Here

An opportunity will be provided for friends here to contribute to the appeal for Greek War Relief. A local honorary committee will be named with an active committee for solicitation. An authoritative poster is displayed at the bookstore and Mrs. Jessie Hyde will receive any subscriptions. The appeal has been announced in both Brattleboro and Greenfield and active committees have been formed. Over \$2000 has been secured in Brattleboro and about \$600 in Greenfield to date. The natives of Greece certainly deserve our consideration in the wonderful defense of their nation. Their sick and wounded merit our support to our ability to contribute.

### Congregational Church

The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. The preaching service will be at 11 and the preacher will be Rev. Mabel Makepeace. Young People's Forum will be held at 7:30. The Christian Endeavor society devotional committee will have charge of the service. Topic, Prophecy and the Present Day. The midweek service will be Thursday evening at 7:15, and the leader will be I. J. Lawrence. Choir rehearsal at 8 o'clock.

### Schools Get Bequest

In the filing of the will of the late Miss Henrietta A. Allen, of Springfield, who died recently, it has been learned that she left many bequests to various organizations and associations. In the list of beneficiaries is the Northfield schools with an amount of \$2000. Miss Allen was 79 years old and a resident of Springfield. The Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust company and John A. Webster are the executors.

Last Saturday, was officially the first day of winter, and also the shortest day of the year. However, the fact was given much consideration.

### Birds In England

So long as there remains one winged hawk Voicing its ecstasy to England's sky: So long as English eyes can lift and mark A birds' high courage, hope can never die. If one small feathered throat can sing through fire, If wings can make their way through dropping flame, The spirit of England can rise high, and higher, Hearing the song, knowing the way it came.

And should there be but one lone sparrow left Chirping its heart out on the shattered air, The heart of England need not be bereft, A watching God still holds within His care The lark above, the sparrow, small and gray— Brave England you are valued more than they! —(Grace Nell Crowell in Washington Star).

### Were Chosen Officers County Labor Union

Northfield and Mt. Hermon provided two of the elected officials of the Franklin County Central Labor Union at its annual meeting held last week in Greenfield. Rev. H. B. Ingalls, Chaplain of the Seminary was named as fourth vice-president and Elliot Fleckles of Schauffer library at Hermon, was named as auditor. The Union is headed by Stanley Powers of the electrical workers as president, of Greenfield. Installation of the officers of the Central Labor Union will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at which time also the annual dinner will be held.

### The Governor's Greeting

A Christmas greeting to the people of the Commonwealth was extended by Gov. Saltonstall. The Christmas message follows: "As Governor I wish to extend Christmas and New Year greetings on behalf of the Commonwealth to the citizens of Massachusetts. And I add my own warmest personal regards. "In these times of world wide violence, our best hope for peace on earth and good will to men is solemn remembrance of the day so long ago when Christ was born and brought to this earth the spirit of brotherly love. If we all remember His teachings, then we may indeed have cause to look forward to a Happy New Year." A personal greeting message was received from Governor and Mrs. Saltonstall by the Editor of the Press.

### TOWN TOPICS

Clarence W. Hayden of Orange was elected to the office of president of the County Assessors' association at its recent meeting. Mr. Hayden is well known and has many friends in this town. He has visited here frequently and was an unsuccessful candidate for county commissioner in the recent election.

Local stockholders will be grateful for the announced dividend of the Millers Falls Tool Co., which they will receive this month. A 25-cent dividend was voted last June and this dividend will be 50 cents a new high of 75 cents for many years. Paul Wilson of Mt. Hermon school will sponsor a French dinner at the Champlain Restaurant in New York City this weekend of faculty members and students of the French department, and in the evening attend the showing of a French movie.

The Girl Scout council holds its benefit dance this evening at the town hall, with music by the Bergerons. Members of the Girl Scouts conducted the sale of tickets and a large attendance is expected.

### Decorations Festive About The Town Now Indoors and Outdoors

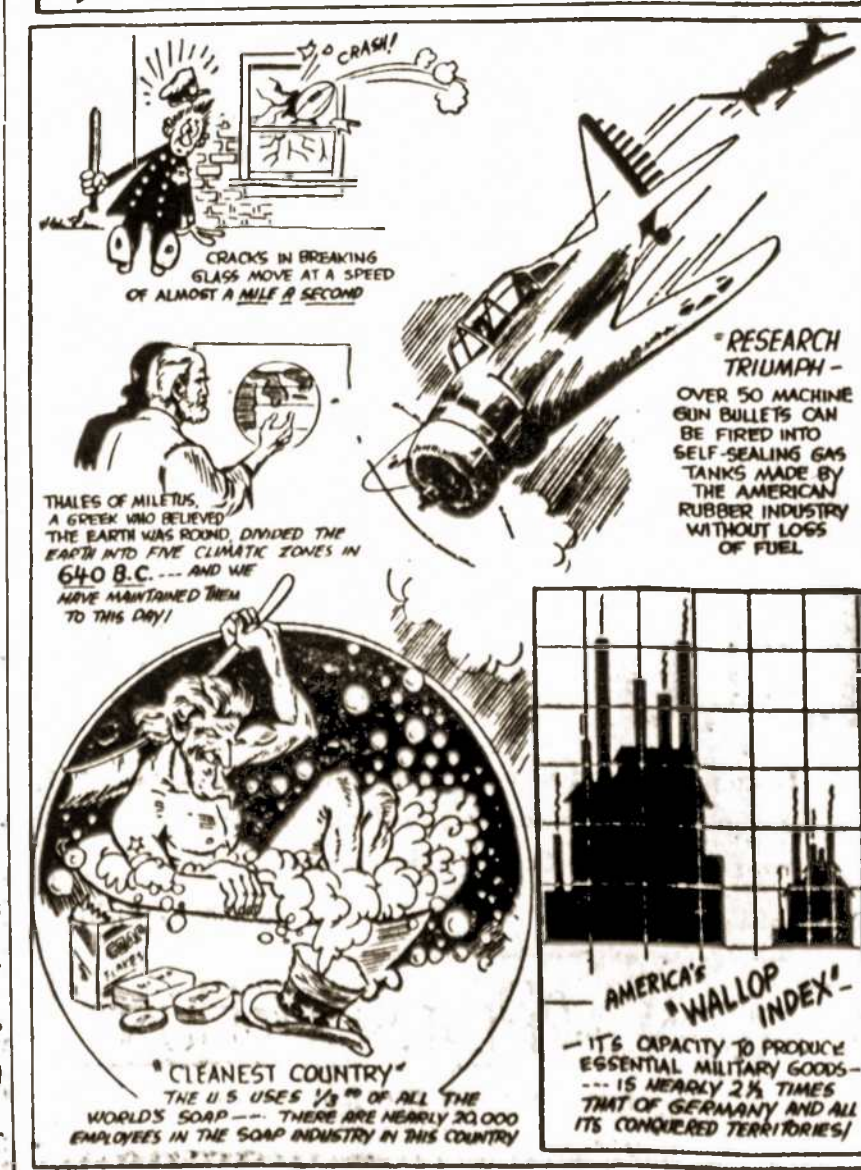
The homes in Northfield along our highways have been well illuminated during this Christmas season, and visitors have commented that more of our citizens have made displays than in former years. Some of the lighting has been commendable and if prizes were to be awarded for exceptional display, the committee would have a hard time to arrive at their decisions. From the lower farms district, up through East Northfield as well as at West Northfield, there are pleasing exhibits. The Northfield hotel, the Valley Vista Inn have lighted trees and the Seminary campus is showing its magnificent large illuminated tree also. Bronson's Inn has a blue light at every window, while Masons transient home has a red light at each window. It is well worth the time it takes to make a pilgrimage along our various thoroughfares, by walk or in auto to view the illuminated homes. Each decoration has its own appeal. From the modest white candles in the windows or from the simple showing of the faint blue light, to the richness and brilliancy of the collection and assembly of color, the effect produces the Christmas spirit, and we all have it, in some form or manner. Perhaps the most unique decoration of Christmas is at the Northfield Hotel, where over the entrance has been swung a large bell, fully covered with greens and lights, and which when pulled by a rope clangs out a cheery message of greeting to all comers. The bell is the one which formerly hung in the belfry of East hall on the seminary campus. Also at the entrance doors are festoons and two large candles in red which glow with a cheery light. Inside the hotel there are many Christmas decorations and an interesting display in the dining room of greens and cones on a table and immense wreaths on the walls.

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## TOWN TOPICS

Local radio listeners will hear President Roosevelt in one of his fireside talks Sunday evening at 9:30. It is expected he will speak of national and foreign policies. Milford B. Andrews has been drawn as a grand juror and Joseph W. Field as a traverse juror for the January session of superior court by our selectmen at their recent meeting.

Joseph Butynski of Rye, N. Y. was a visitor at the home of his parents over Christmas.

Ted Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell will spend the Christmas holiday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard at Rye, N. Y.

The examiners from the state auditing department are expected to arrive in town about the first of the month to audit the books of the town.

Surveyors from the state highway department continue to study the improvement of the highway at the brook crossing at the Congregational church and the approaches. Several stakes have been driven to mark a possible new location, when the highway is rebuilt.

The new Center school has reached the stage where it indicates its finished appearance. The roof is on and ready for the slate. The colonial cupola is in place in the center. Many favorable comments have been heard as the work progresses, and very little criticism comes from the kibitzers.

About twenty-five of the young people of the Congregational church went about town last Sunday evening, singing carols, especially to the shut-ins and the sick.

Miss June Wright, who is teaching in Lexington, is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright for the holiday season.

Julian Bugbee has been taken to the Northampton hospital for treatment and observation.

Our postoffice employees had a busy time of it during the Christmas rush, but with many disturbing factors, came out "on top" and are now back to normal.

Local depositors and friends who visit the Vermont Peoples National bank at Brattleboro will miss the familiar greeting of its Cashier, Charles A. Brown, who died after a brief illness at the hospital on Wednesday of last week. He had been connected with the bank for the past ten years.

Little Rosemary Mroczek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mroczek of Maple street, who was seriously injured two months ago by being struck by an automobile on Main street, and who has been at the Franklin County hospital, was returned to her home last weekend. She has made a fine improvement, but will be confined to her bed for some weeks yet.

Kenneth Walker, young son of Mrs. Frances Walker of the Hinsdale road, is in the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for medical treatment.

Willie: Can't you give me another name, mother?  
Mother: Why?  
Willie: My teacher is always saying she will keep after school as sure as my name is Willie.

Political Speaker: All we need do, my friends, is to keep a working majority.

Voices from the rear: You're wrong there. What this country needs is a majority working.

## GET THE BEST IN THE PRESS

## As Fruits Ripen

By Frances Lee Barton

STRAWBERRIES, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries — these luscious wild or cultivated berries follow each other as the summer comes and goes. They should be enjoyed as they appear in our local stores — not only fresh, but in tasty desserts.

Try the following recipe several times this year — each time using a different berry. You'll be surprised at the difference in flavor yet uniform excellence of the dessert.

Fresh Fruit Tapioca

4 to 5 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca  
¾ cup fruit juice and water  
¼ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup sliced or crushed fresh fruit

1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
Sweeten 1 cup sliced or crushed fruit and let stand ½ hour. Drain; add water to juice to make ¾ cups. Combine tapioca, fruit juice and water, sugar and salt in saucepan and mix well. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. (Mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.) Add fruit and lemon juice. Cool, stirring occasionally — mixture thickens as it cools. Chill. Serves 4 to 6.

Use any fruits in this recipe, i.e., fresh strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, etc.

## The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

If I only had a line like the announcers on the air, I could truly give a Christmas wish to you folks and still have plenty of stuff to spare. But since I haven't their line, I'm going to say that I hope the New Year will bring you a garden full of flowers early next spring. I hope you'll have snowdrops, hyacinths, and daffodils too; that you'll raise petunias, peonies, and iris so blue.

Brotherly spirit at Christmas time of course is really sublime, but flowers in the garden day after day are more in my line. You can share them with your old friends or the new folks you happen to meet.

With a garden of roses, folks, your troubles and strife will vanish just like a smoke ring from the bowl of your pipe. So this is my wish. It may be a bit shocking, but I sincerely hope that 25-10 is the size of your stocking. And into it, folks, I'm going to ask Santa to place a garden of flowers with beauty and grace, and with them I know each day of the year you'll find health, plenty of wealth, and lots of good cheer.

A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the Back Yard Gardener.

## SHEAR NONSENSE

Examiner: What makes you think you are qualified for a position in the diplomatic corps?

Applicant: Well, I've been married 20 years and my wife still thinks I have a sick friend.

Neighbor: What pretty hair you have, Jean. You get it from your mother, don't you?

Jean: No, I s'pose I got it from daddy. His is all gone.

"You don't make very good music with that instrument," said a bystander to the man with the bass drum, as the band ceased to play.

"No," admitted the drum pounder, "I know I don't; but I drown a heap of bad music."

Whiffenpoof: What is your favorite illustrated paper?

Spree: My choice is the \$10 bill. It's big enough to buy something worthwhile and isn't so big that nobody will change it.

George: How did you lose your hair?

Jack: Worried.

George: What did you worry about?

Jack: About losing my hair.

He: I've just met your brother, and he had a pinched look.

She: I wonder why?

He: He was between two policemen.

Barber: Your hair needs cutting badly.

Customer: Not this time it doesn't. You cut it badly last time.

Nit: I hear you are marrying the woman who owns the house at the corner. A good choice if I may say so.

Wit: Ah, so you know the house?

Father: I saw you kissing that young man goodnight last night. Don't you know that kissing is a good way to transmit germs?

Daughter: Good? Gosh, it's a perfect way!

Judge: But why did you break into the same shop three nights running?

Defendant: Well, it was a dream for my wife—and I had to change it twice.

Mildred: Does that lipstick come off easily?

Harriet: No, indeed. I always put up a struggle.

Mother: Johnny, I'll have you behave yourself when you're at home. What would your teacher say if you acted like that at school?

Johnny: She'd say, behave yourself — remember you're not at home now.

## West Northfield and South Vernon

A number of South Vernon residents are ill or have been ill recently. Mr. Brown, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Harris, is ill with pneumonia. Ernest deon is recovering slowly. Joseph Langus is very ill at his home. Harold Gould is improving after an operation. A. E. Baker suffered a slight shock recently. Mrs. Ines Brown is confined to the house with a severe cold. Mrs. M. C. Houghton has been reported ill at the Brattleboro hospital.

Christmas exercises at the South schoolhouse were held last Thursday evening. Parents and friends were in attendance.

A daughter was born Dec. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moore of Greenfield at the Franklin county hospital. The little girl is a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Wing of West Northfield.

Mrs. Julia Ennis and Mrs. Mary Johnson are spending the holiday season in Amherst, after which Mrs. Ennis will be with Mrs. Carrie Britton in Springfield.

The wedding of Miss Ginecie Eleanor Bruce of South Vernon and Brattleboro and Carlton L. Smith of Brattleboro and Schenectady, N. Y. will take place next Sunday at 4 at the First Baptist church in Brattleboro. Rev. Ellis E. Jones will perform the ceremony.

Walerian Mile is visiting relatives in Bridgeport, Ct. He expects to meet there his nephew, now a theological student in Michigan who arrived a few months ago from White Russia, until recently a part of Poland. The young man, an American citizen, has been in Poland several years, but was obliged to return to the United States to continue his study for the priesthood, since the seminary there was closed.

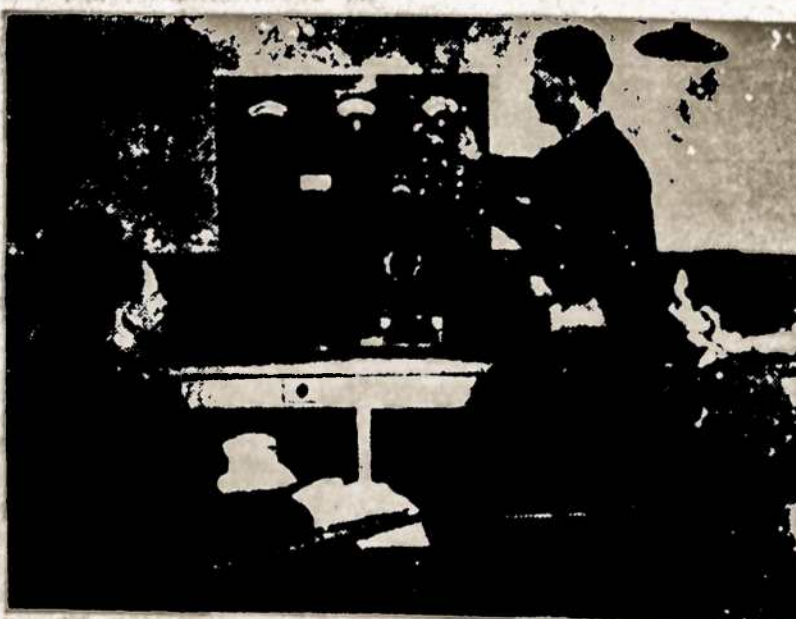
Miss Lilly Zaluzny of New York City is visiting her uncle, Harry Zaluzny and family.

Through the courtesy of Earl Williams, a program of vocal and instrumental music was given at the South Vernon church Sunday night by the Deleno brothers trio and Mr. Colby of Hinsdale, N. H. The South Vernon junior choir also sang. In place of the regular sermon, a Christmas pageant, "The Friend of the Prince," was presented under the direction of James Lyons, assisted by Warren Brown. The following persons took part: John and Ralph Lyons, Warren Brown, Glenn Johnson, Alma Dunklee, Peter Skib, Jr., James Lyons, Andrew Stacy, Ernest Dunklee, Gertrude Gibson, Mildred Dunklee, Georgia Holton, Barbara Holton, Phyllis Ingram, Doris and Earlene Williams, Bessie Dunklee and Gladys Gould.

The annual Christmas exercises were held Monday evening at the South Vernon church. There was a program of recitations and exercises by members of the junior and primary classes, a song by the junior choir, a trumpet solo by Henry Martineau, a violin solo by Alfred Dunklee, and a vocal solo by Rev. Mr. White. Mrs. George Day presented Mr. White with a sum of money as a gift from the people of the church and community. Gifts were taken from the Christmas tree and oranges and candy boxes were distributed to the children.

Mrs. B. F. White returned to the parsonage Monday evening after an absence of several weeks. Tentative plans are being made for a band concert and other music by a group of Boston men, Jan. 18 and 19 if overnight lodgings and board can be secured for them with the people of the community.

Church notices: Sunday, morning worship at 10:30, with sermon by the pastor; Sunday school at 11:45. This is the closing date of the attendance contest; Loyal Workers at 6:30. The South Vernon people will unite with the Vernon Union church Sunday evening at 7:30 for a candlelight service at Vernon. There will be no evening meeting at South Vernon. Weekly prayer meeting Thursday at 7 at the Vernon Home.



The many values of the Army must be carried underground, overhead, and through the air by the vital equipment of the Signal Corps. Enlisted men are extensively trained in all phases of communications for service with this branch. Above, a class at the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, N. J., takes notes on an electrical construction.



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## Cookies for Christmas

THE yuletide holidays just aren't complete without the traditional assortment of Christmas cookies. They may be any kind, chosen to satisfy the tastes of the family or friends for whom they're intended; but be sure to include among them one or two specialties of your own, and several particularly festive, and out-of-the-ordinary varieties. And if you plan to pack boxes for friends far away, choose cookies that are not too delicate to withstand the strain of travel. Soft, fruity cookies travel best, with less likelihood of crumbling, and they keep well, too.

You'll want to add to your collection of holiday cookie recipes this one for rich, chewy "Chocolate Drops"—a prime favorite with everyone who likes chocolate—and who doesn't? These delicious little morsels add a professional touch to a holiday cookie tray; and far-away friends and relatives will mean it when they write "Thank you!" for a Christmas cookie box packed to the brim with "Chocolate Drops."

### Chocolate Drops

(Makes 3½ dozen cookies)

¼ cup shortening  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs (well beaten)  
3 squares chocolate (melted)

1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¾ cup pecans (cut fine)  
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate (cut in pieces the size of peas)

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually. Beat in the eggs. Add melted chocolate and vanilla, and mix well. Sift flour and salt together. Combine with nutmeats and the cut chocolate. Add to first mixture. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in a moderately slow oven with the electric thermostat set at 325° for 12-15 minutes.

You'll find that baking cookies in your modern electric range is something to look forward to with pleasure. Roomy ovens in these new ranges accommodate large-sized cookie pans; accurately controlled temperature insures even baking and browning without the necessity of shuffling pans from shelf to shelf, and changing their positions in the oven. Just preheat the oven to the desired temperature, and place well-diced cookie pans in the oven. Set the timer to remind you when the baking time is up, and without further ado, you'll have pans of cookies, uniformly browned, and baked to a turn.



# TOWN TOPICS

Miss Betty Kehl of the Deaconess hospital in Boston, was at the home of her parents here for Christmas.

Miss Emma Bigelow, formerly of this town recently graduated from the Thompson training school for nurses connected with the Brattleboro hospital.

Carroll Rikert, Jr. of New York City is spending the holiday season with his parents at Mt. Hermon.

Students who are at college but spending Christmas with their parents, include Miss Lois Piper from Green Mountain, Miss Naomi Rikert from Oberlin, Milton Wilde from Albion, Robert Birdsall from Yale, Dean Carmean from Colgate, and Rolfe Carmean from Northeastern.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. D. Ward of Lebanon, N. H. spent the recent holiday with Mrs. A. H. Mattoon and daughter, Miss Anne Mattoon.

Seth Field of Gloversville, N. Y. was at his home here for Christmas day.

Miss Beverly Briesmaster, a student nurse in Brooklyn, N. Y. is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Robert deVeer was at Valley Vista Inn last week and spent Christmas with friends and relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gray and twin daughters, Lorraine and Dorothy of Bellaire, N. Y. are spending the Christmas week at Valley Vista Inn with their relatives, the Briesmasters.

Harold Briesmaster is spending the winter in San Diego, Calif., and is at present working in a hotel.

The pupils of Center school gave a fine Christmas entertainment in the town hall last Friday afternoon, which consisted of two short plays, music and recitations. Parents and friends who attended say that the program was especially well rendered and that the pupils did remarkably well.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps of Meadow street announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Margaret Phelps, to Albert Leon Cembalisky also of this town.

Robert B. Marr, who is teaching English at Mt. Hermon school has resigned to enlist for training in the aviation corps of the United States forces.

Elwin Bogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogue of Dalton, formerly of Mt. Hermon, is now enrolled in the aviation corps of the Army as a machinist, and is stationed at Savannah, Ga.

A recent check-up of the various properties of our summer residents on the hillside, reveals that there has been no trespassing noted anywhere. The roads are almost impassable owing to the ice and snow.

Rev. David Tomkins has resumed his preaching at Grace Methodist church in Turners Falls, and last Sunday occupied the pulpit for the first time since his illness.

Rev. Mabel Makepeace of this town, will preach at the services next Sunday morning at the Congregational church.

The first week of January, the 5th to 11th, will be the "Week of Prayer" and will be observed by the Congregational church in a series of district meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph, Jr., and family of Westfield, N. J. spent the Christmas season with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Tomkins at their home on Winchester avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field of Main street entertained the Thomas Parker family on Christmas day.

The Northfield hotel entertained a large number of guests for dinner on Christmas day, many of whom tarried to enjoy the social atmosphere of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston with their little son, enjoyed Christmas in a family gathering at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor Polhemus of Boston spent the Christmas season with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson and family spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove W. Deming spent the holiday week with relatives in Storrs, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon are at the home of her mother, Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead.

Norman Miller, who is located at Watervliet, N. Y. was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Zarella Miller this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Truesdell and family spent Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Truesdell of Bernardston.

We have seen and studied many Christmas greeting cards which have passed through the mails this season. Some are beautiful and works of art, but the most unique coming to our attention is the card of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, which has a photograph of their dog, Sandy, a familiar dog to many here, and also a picture of their cat, who convey the greetings of the family.

Calvin Field was at his home here from Purdue, for the holiday season. His cousin Thomas Parker from New York was a guest at the house.

Miss Lillian Alexander of Boston visited her mother, Mrs. L. R. Alexander, and her sister Mrs. Eastman, for Christmas.

Rev. W. E. Park, president and George McEwan, assistant treasurer, represented the Northfield schools at the 18th annual meeting of the Association of Business Officers of Preparatory Schools at Andover last week. Mr. McEwan is treasurer of the association and 28 out of 29 member schools were represented at the meeting.

Miss Grace E. Doolittle of Scarsdale, N. Y. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Doolittle of Ashuelot road.

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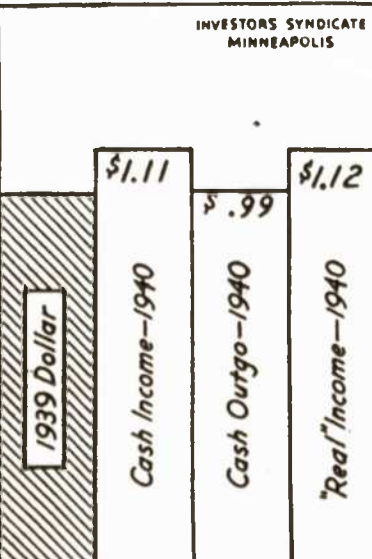
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On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28, on the stage, five acts of selected vaudeville; on the screen, "When the Daltons Rode" with Randolph Scott and Kay Francis. Sunday through Tuesday, Dec. 29-31, "The Under-pup" with Robert Cummings and Nan Grey; also "Billy the Kid, Outlawed" with Bob Steele.

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Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in October was \$1.11 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of eleven cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up thirteen cents and salaries six cents; investment income was up thirteen cents and other income was up eleven cents on the dollar.

Rents in October were a cent higher than a year ago, and so was clothing. Foods were three cents lower, but miscellaneous items were off one cent, making living expenses one cent below a year ago.

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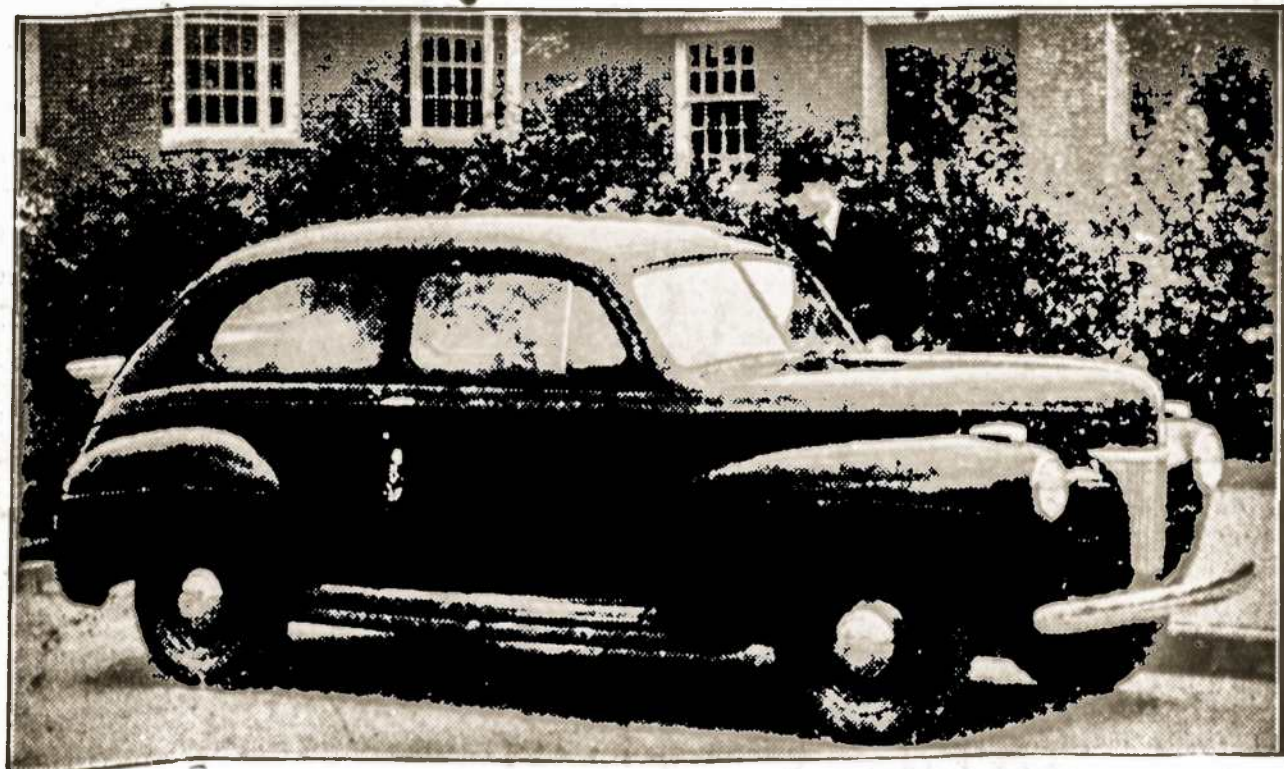
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Friday, December 27, 1940

## EDITORIAL

### WITHOUT FLOWERS

During the holiday season of  
Christmas and New Years, we  
remember and are remembered  
by our friends. Distance may keep  
us apart, and time is so swift that  
messages are overlooked. But at  
Christmas time we do think of  
our loved ones and of our  
friends, and the mails can testify  
to our activity in this remem-  
brance. "Without friends, our life  
would be as a garden without  
flowers." Let us continue to build  
our gardens of human relation-  
ships, let us plant the flowers of  
love and esteem, and the frag-  
rance of the blossoms will al-  
ways be sweet and pleasing in  
the experience of life.

### GO THE LIMIT

The New Year brings its resolu-  
tions, and many persons decide to  
consider what shall be their de-  
terminations in the days ahead.  
With the terrible war of Europe  
raging in such a manner, that it  
might engulf us, isn't it about  
time we quit thinking in selfish-  
ness and compacency, make a new  
resolution, and do something  
about it. Nothing has so pleased  
the German military machine, as  
the "hands-off" policy of America  
and this statement is made know-  
ingly. The German war leaders  
fear America, and much bloodshed  
and destruction might have been  
prevented, had America spoken  
a long while ago. Isn't it about  
time, we changed that manu-  
factured slogan of "short of war"  
to "stop Hitler, short of noth-  
ing."

### HE WAS RIGHT

Lord Lothian's last public  
statement, before he died at his  
post as British Ambassador to the  
United States, contained a mes-  
sage that should touch a responsive  
chord in the heart of every citizen  
of this country. Read by an em-  
bassy official at Baltimore, Md.,  
it stated that the issue of the

war "now depends largely on  
what you decide to do."  
Thus he put the question of  
increased aid to Britain where it  
belongs — squarely before the  
American people. There were no  
dramatics. He spoke, confidently,  
of an ultimate English victory  
providing the United States fur-  
nished arms and planes and mun-  
itions and ships quickly enough,  
and in sufficient quantity, to play  
an important part in the struggle.  
He promised that, in helping En-  
gland, the United States would not  
be backing a quitter.

### Know Massachusetts Compiled by State Planning Board

Do you know that a total of  
9345 new passenger automobiles  
were sold in Massachusetts during  
October, 28 per cent more than in  
October a year ago . . . The Per-  
kins Institution and Massachusetts  
School for the Blind, originally  
housed in the home of Col. Thomas  
H. Perkins on Pearl street, Bos-  
ton, in 1831 was the first school  
for the blind in America. Dr.  
Samuel Gridley Howe, husband of  
Julia Ward Howe, was the father  
of the school and its first direct-  
or . . . The Department of Public  
Works has compiled a list of the  
old wooden covered bridges that  
are still standing in Massachusetts.

Thomas Walford, a black-  
smith in early Plymouth, was fined  
for contempt of authority and  
promptly paid his fine by killing  
a wolf . . . The new Quabbin  
Aqueduct, running 26 miles from  
Quabbin reservoir to Wachusett,  
is the second longest continuous  
tunnel in the world and is large  
enough for a standard trolley car  
to run through it. The entire tun-  
nel was cut through solid rock . . .  
An effigy of a cod fish has been  
hanging in the assembly room of  
the State House since it was  
built . . . The Boston Athenaeum,  
which contains one of the most  
famous private libraries in the  
country, was founded in 1847, but  
was a descendant of the Anthol-  
ogy club formed in 1807 by the  
father of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The State Planning Board has  
filed a bill in the legislature which  
will enable the building of limited  
access highways to facilitate traf-  
fic . . . Retail trade in Boston  
for the year 1940 should total  
at least \$470,000,000 . . . Up to  
November 1, registrations of mo-  
tor vehicles in Massachusetts  
were recorded for 989,983 pass-  
enger automobiles, 120,587 com-  
mercial automobiles, 4842 buses  
and 962 motorcycles. Passenger  
car registrations were 5.4 per  
cent more than in the same period  
of 1939 . . . In 1890 Massachu-  
setts had 179 public libraries out  
of 220 in the entire United States  
while thirty states had no public  
library in any form . . . Normal  
average temperature in Boston  
during the first five days in De-  
cember is nearly 36 degrees; the  
first five days of December, 1940  
have average 25 degrees nearly  
11 degrees lower than normal . . .  
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lation of Boston dropped 1.5 per

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By BETTY BARCLAY

A New Year surely calls for new  
delicacies on the table. The following  
tested recipes have been chosen care-  
fully and are offered as 1941 treats:

**Hawaiian New Year's Cup**

2 cups whole cloves  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups water  
3 cups canned unsweetened Hawaiian  
pineapple juice  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Grated nutmeg

Wash oranges and stick with cloves.  
Bring sugar and water to a boil and  
add oranges, cover and simmer until  
oranges are tender. Remove oranges,  
strain liquid in which they have been  
simmered, add to pineapple juice which  
has been brought to a boil, but not  
boiled. Stir in lemon juice. Serve hot  
add flour, stir until smooth, then add  
one or two to each cup. Yield: 1 quart.

**Lima Pudding**

3 cups cooked, dried Lima  
4 cups hot water  
1 tablespoon grated onion or onion  
juice  
1 tablespoon butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
4 cup tomato catsup  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Put Lima through a coarse strainer;  
add hot water, salt, pepper and onion.  
Heat to boiling point. Melt butter,  
add flour, stir until smooth, then add  
to hot soup, and cook 5 minutes longer,  
stirring constantly.

**See Food Checklist**

1 cup shrimp, lobster, crab, tuna or a  
combination of these  
1/2 cup finely cut celery  
1/2 cup tomato catsup  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon finely cut chives or onion  
Mix ingredients. Chill thoroughly.  
Serve in cocktail glasses. Accompany  
with lemon quarters. (Serves 4-6.)

**Magic Fruit Cake**

1 1/2 cups (1 can) sweetened condensed  
milk  
1 cup chopped walnut meats  
1/2 pound (1 cup) shredded coconut

1 pound (2 cups) pitted dates,  
coarsely chopped  
Thoroughly blend sweetened con-  
densed milk, chopped walnut meats,  
shredded coconut, and dates, which  
have been coarsely chopped. Pack in  
a greased loaf pan (8 x 5 x 3 inches).  
Bake in moderately hot oven (375° F.)  
25 minutes, or until brown. Remove  
from pan and allow to cool thoroughly.  
Cut into thin slices.

**Ginger Way**

1 household rennet tablet  
1 tablespoon cold water  
1 pint milk (ordinary or homogenized)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup whipped cream

4-5 ginger snaps  
Preserved ginger

Break a ginger snap into each  
dessert dish. Make rennet-custard ac-  
cording to directions in package.  
Pour at once over ginger snaps. Do  
not move until firm — about 10  
minutes. Then chill in refrigerator.  
When ready to serve, top with whipped  
cream and a bit of grated preserved  
ginger.

**New Year's Coffee**

Here's a tempting hot coffee punch  
to serve your friends when they toast  
the New Year. You'll start 1941 with  
a reputation for consideration if you  
make your brew of decaffeinated  
coffee, so that enthusiastic well-  
wishers may enjoy second and even  
third cups with no fear of sleeping  
problems later on.

1 cup strong decaffeinated coffee  
3 squares unsweetened chocolate  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Dash of salt  
1 cup milk

Make decaffeinated coffee extra  
strength, using 1 1/2 tablespoons for  
each cup, 1/2 pint water. Add chocolate  
to coffee in top of double boiler and  
place over low flame, stirring until  
chocolate is melted and blended. Add  
sugar and salt, and boil 4 minutes,  
stirring constantly. Place over boil-  
ing water. Add milk gradually,  
stirring constantly; then heat. When  
hot, beat with rotary egg beater until  
frothy. Serve hot. Top with whipped  
cream, if desired. Serves 4.

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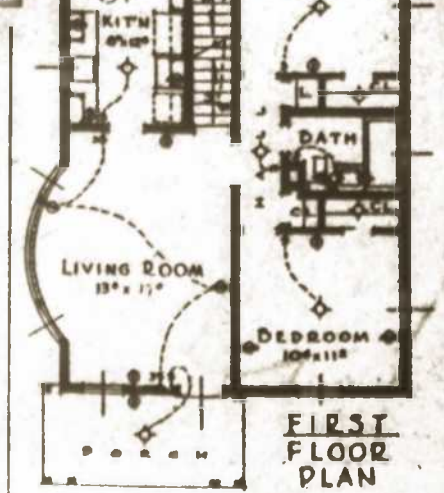
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phalt shingles—"joins" the plans  
to the body of the house and helps  
compose an interesting architec-  
tural front for the house.



Another worthwhile virtue is  
the simplicity and directness of  
the plan of the house. Randolph  
Evans, its architect, who design-  
ed it for the Monthly Small House  
Club, 140 Nassau Street, New  
York, has confined its five well-  
arranged rooms to a well propor-  
tioned rectangle, which, builders

say, is the cheapest form to build.  
To add to the usefulness of the  
house, two additional bedrooms  
can be placed upstairs. By con-  
structing a new dormer window,  
another bedroom can also be in-  
expensively attached to the  
plumbing serving the downstairs  
bath.

Following FHA recommended  
practice, the house chimney is ex-  
tended at least two feet above the  
ridge of the roof. This not only  
assures a good draft at all times,  
but minimizes the danger of chim-  
ney sparks dropping to the roof.  
To further protect the house  
against the danger of flying sparks  
— one of our largest causes of  
house fires — Mr. Evans has roofed  
it with fire-resistant shingles. In  
this case, hill-green asphalt shingles.

Barely 23 feet wide, it will fit  
comfortably on even a 40 foot  
wide lot, and still leave room for  
a future driveway. It can be built  
in most parts of the country for  
about \$8,500, exclusive of land.

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